

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph.

[0091] FIG. 9 is a flowchart showing another method for real time R/P of data to/from an optical medium by writing on a defective block as is upon encountering a defective block not listed on the SDL during writing in response to a write command. Explanations on steps 701 to ~~605~~ 705 will be omitted as the steps are identical to the steps 501 to 505 in FIG. 5.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 28 with the following rewritten paragraph.

[0092] According to this method, even if a defective block with a high possibility of error occurrence is encountered during writing of data at a position designated by the write command, the data is simply written on the defective block as is (step 706). Shown in FIG. 10A, the data continues to be written on newly encountered defective blocks as is until the execution of the write command from the host terminates. Thus, when the write command terminates after the writing the data for 'M' sectors (~~step-507~~ 707), the R/P device provides a command execution report of good state to the host (~~step-508~~

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708). Although a good state is returned to the host, the microcomputer adds the information on defective blocks in the SDL to be returned to the host during the next writing.